

Conservation Connections

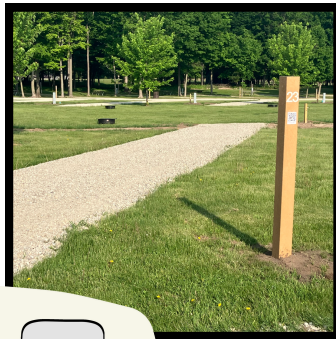


Cabin Fever?

Although this winter has not been severe, many have summer on their minds. If you are ready to get the camper equipped for camping, it's not too early to reserve your campsite at one of Floyd Co. Conservation campgrounds.

Campsites at Ackley Creek Park and the Tosanak Recreation Area can be reserved a year in advance.

Reservations can be made online at mycountyparks.com



Winter Activities

There is plenty of winter left to enjoy! Here are some activities to do to keep away the winter boredom.

- Feed the birds, and don't forget the squirrels.
- Go for a hike – the warmer days of winter are a great time to get out and look for tracks, shed antlers and much more!
- Make plans for a summer adventure.
- Take part in a Floyd Co. Conservation program.

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SHED ANTLER HUNTING

February is the time of year when I start thinking about looking for deer antlers. Shed antler hunting is a growing sport for Floyd County residents and there are a couple of reasons why. First, sheds can be found for free in your own hunting area or on public land. There is no fee for shed hunting unlike many other outdoor hunting activities. Second, the excitement of finding a deer antler. If you don't think it can be exhilarating, you've probably never given it a serious try. This sport gives the thrill of hunting without having to harvest an animal. Deer antlers are a renewable resource, as male deer lose their antlers annually in late winter and begin to grow a new pair of antlers in the spring



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and through the summer. Also, hiking in late winter is a thrilling experience because animals are grouped together, and you can learn a lot about animal behavior if you're observant. Floyd County Conservation has many areas that offer opportunities to shed hunt with deer populations over the winter months. If you're getting cabin fever on a nice February day, go for a hike and give this sport a try.



UPCOMING EVENTS



>>> WOMEN IN THE WOODS WITH WINE - FEBRUARY 29

Join Floyd Co. Conservation Naturalist Heidi Reams to discover more about nature while relaxing with a glass of wine. Women in the Woods with Wine is for women 21+ who are interested in the outdoors. Become more comfortable and knowledgeable about the natural world, as you unwind and have fun.

Pre-registration required.

Register online at mycountyparks.com/county/floyd/events.aspx
7-9 p.m.

Cost \$15, checks made out to the Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation
(can bring payment the night of the event)

>>> CROSS COUNTY SKIING

Weather permitting, we will be hosting "pop-up" skiing events. All open ski events will be held at the Tosanak Recreation Area, Learning Center.

Fun for the entire family with equipment to fit them all!

Equipment rental \$5 per person. Includes XC skis, poles & boots.

No registration needed.

Watch on FaceBook and website for details when the conditions are right.

NEXT MONTH . . .

Maple Syrup Fest
Hunters Education course

*Looking for a gift for the person
that has everything?*

Give the gift of the nature -

Gift certificates available for
RV sites, Tent camping, Cabin
rental & Lodge rental

Contact Floyd Co Conservation for
more information
641-756-3490

BECOME A MEMBER . . .

Help support Floyd County Conservation projects by becoming a member of the Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation. Your membership includes: monthly newsletter via email and discounts on sponsored events. Sign up online at fossilcenter.com

THANK YOU!



To Tosanak Maple Syrup group for their annual donation from maple syrup sales. These funds go towards various projects around the county.

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North Iowa Nature Club

>>> MEMORIALS <<<

Colleen Ortmeyer
Dennis & Rhonda Westergard

Mary Halsted
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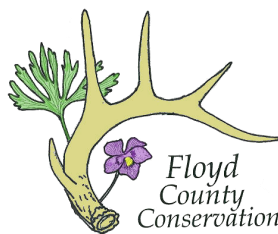
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Floyd County Conservation Board Meetings

The Floyd County Conservation Board meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome. The Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Fossil & Prairie Center, located 1 mile west of Rockford on County Road B47. Please note this date can be changed.



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